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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer of the disclosed subject matter. New claims 29-66 are added. No new matter has been added.

I. Interview Summary

Applicant's representative conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Jones on September 27, 2005. The following is a summary of the interview:

1. No exhibit or demonstration was conducted.
2. Claim 1 was discussed.
3. Cited art Knoll and Maya were discussed.
4. No amendments were agreed upon.
5. The general thrust of the discussion concerned whether Knoll and Maya disclose vector based representation of lens flares.
6. No other pertinent matters were discussed.
7. The applicant will respond to the office action mailed July 27, 2005.

II. Claims Rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102

New independent claim 29 recites, in part, presenting an interactive visual representation of a lens flare, the visual representation including a rendering of a plurality of flare components, the plurality of flare components including a center point and a halo surrounding the center point; receiving user input indicating a modification of a first flare component of the plurality of flare components; and modifying a model and the rendering in accordance with the user input.

Applicants respectfully submit that the art of record fails to disclose one or more of the features of claim 29. In particular, the cited portions of the art of record fail to teach or suggest an interactive visual representation of a lens flare, the visual representation including a center point and a halo surrounding the center point.

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Accordingly, claim 29, and claims 30-36 which depend from claim 29, are allowable. Claims 48-55 incorporate elements similar to those of claim 29 and are allowable for at least the same reason.

New independent claim 37 recites, in part, receiving user input defining a location in a target image; creating a model of a lens flare in accordance to the user input; and presenting an interactive visual representation of the model at the location, the visual representation including a rendering of a plurality of flare components, the plurality of flare components including a center point and a halo surrounding the center point.

Applicants respectfully submit that the art of record fails to disclose one or more of the features of 37. In particular, the cited portions of the art of record fail to teach or suggest an interactive visual representation of the model at the location, the visual representation including a rendering of a plurality of flare components, the plurality of flare components including a center point and a halo surrounding the center point.

Accordingly, claim 37, and claims 38-47 which depend from claim 37, are allowable. Claims 56-66 incorporate elements similar to those of claim 37 and are allowable for at least the same reason.

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III. Conclusion

By responding in the foregoing remarks only to particular positions taken by the examiner, the applicant does not acquiesce with other positions that have not been explicitly addressed. In addition, the applicant's arguments for the patentability of a claim should not be understood as implying that no other reasons for the patentability of that claim exist.

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Respectfully submitted,

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